

Description

Wallboard manufacturing requires a lot of dry powder materials, which means spills, and therefore clean-up, are inevitable. At GP Gypsum, a Tacoma, Washington wallboard manufacturer, clean-up used to mean shoveling large piles of dry material by hand. This was both time consuming and a risk for injury to the back, arms and shoulders. To make clean-up quicker and easier, the plant purchased a large industrial vacuum, or "super sucker" as they call it. Now their workers only shovel when cleaning up smaller spills.

The old way: Shoveling up a spill meant stooping, gripping and repetitive motions.



The new way: The industrial vacuum speeds clean-up.



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